

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021 – IDAHO STATUTE 59-1352B – PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER CATASTROPHIC LINE OF DUTY BENEFITS, AND CONTRIBUTION RATE INCREASE FOR PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEES Boise, Idaho – April 22, 2021

Idaho lawmakers passed and the Governor signed (3/24/2021) Senate Bill 1096 – Public Safety Officer Catastrophic Line of Duty Benefits.

Effective July 1, 2021, Idaho Statute 59-1352 will now include a new section, Idaho Statute 59-1352B – Public Safety Officer Catastrophic Line of Duty Benefits.

This new section provides a new classification for the catastrophic benefit under the Public Employee Retirement System of Idaho (PERSI). This will apply to public safety employees who are catastrophically injured in the line of duty. It provides benefit enhancements, specific conditions for payments, and periodic Cost-of-Living Adjustments (COLA). It also clarifies that a member receiving the catastrophic benefit may return to work under certain conditions.

This amendment will result in a contribution rate increase for public safety employees, but will have no impact on employer contribution rates.

Beginning July 1, 2021, the contribution rate for public safety employees will increase from 8.81% to 9.13%.

Read signed Senate Bill 1096, effective July 1, 2021 as Idaho Statute 59-1352B – Public Safety Officer Catastrophic Line of Duty Benefits, in full here:

https://legislature.idaho.gov/sessioninfo/2021/legislation/S1096/

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